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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Butterfield (5,657,725).

Regarding claim 1: Butterfield discloses a variable cam timing phaser for an internal combustion engine having at least one camshaft (see figures 4A,4B) comprising: a housing having an outer circumference for accepting drive force (see numeral 129); a rotor for connection to a camshaft coaxially located within the housing (see numeral 160), the housing and the rotor defining at least one vane separating a plurality of chambers (see numerals 131a,131b), at least one chamber being an advance chamber and another chamber being a retard chamber, the vane being capable of rotation to shift the relative angular position of the housing and the rotor (see figures 4A,4B); a spool valve comprising a spool having a plurality of lands slidably mounted within a bore in the rotor, the spool slidable from an advance position through a holding position to a retard position (see numeral 200b), and having an advance exhaust passage, a retard exhaust passage, and a return passage to route operating

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fluid to the advance and retard chambers (see numerals 621,622,182) , wherein the advance exhaust passage and the retard exhaust passage are coupled to the return passage (see 621,622,182); and a recirculation check valve in the return passage oriented such that flow of the operating fluid flows only from the advance chamber through the advance exhaust passage and into the return passage when the spool is in the retard position and operating fluid flows only from retard chamber through the retard exhaust passage and into the return passage when the spool is in the advance position (see numerals 182a,182b).

Regarding claim 2: Butterfield discloses a supply of operating fluid having a check valve (see numerals 130a, 222).

Regarding claim 3: Butterfield discloses a supply passage coupled to the return line (see numeral 220).

Regarding claim 4: Smith discloses a supply passage coupled to inlet lines to the advance chamber and the retard chamber (see figure 4A, numeral 624; figure 4B, numeral 625).

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

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applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Smith et al. (6,453,859).

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Regarding claim 1: Smith discloses a variable cam timing phaser for an internal combustion engine having at least one camshaft (see figures 8,9) comprising: a housing having an outer circumference for accepting drive force (see numeral 212); a rotor for connection to a camshaft coaxially located within the housing (see numeral 218), the housing and the rotor defining at least one vane separating a plurality of chambers (see numerals 224A,224R), at least one chamber being an advance chamber and another chamber being a retard chamber, the vane being capable of rotation to shift the relative angular position of the housing and the rotor (see figures 8,9); a spool valve comprising a spool having a plurality of lands slidably mounted within a bore in the rotor, the spool

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slidable from an advance position through a holding position to a retard position (see numerals 290,296), and having an advance exhaust passage, a retard exhaust passage, and a return passage to route operating fluid to the advance and retard chambers (see numerals 266A,266B) , wherein the advance exhaust passage and the retard exhaust passage are coupled to the return passage (see figures 8,9); and a recirculation check valve in the return passage oriented such that flow of the operating fluid flows only from the advance chamber through the advance exhaust passage and into the return passage when the spool is in the retard position and operating fluid flows only from retard chamber through the retard exhaust passage and into the return passage when the spool is in the advance position (see figures 8,9).

Regarding claim 2: Smith discloses a supply of operating fluid having a check valve (see figure 8, numeral 230).

Regarding claim 3: Smith discloses a supply passage coupled to the return line (see figure 8, numeral 234).

Regarding claim 4: Smith discloses a supply passage coupled to inlet lines to the advance chamber and the retard chamber (see numerals 230,234,254,256).

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Regarding claim 5: Smith discloses a check valve in each supply passage coupled to the inlet lines of the advance chamber and the retard chamber (see figures 2-7).

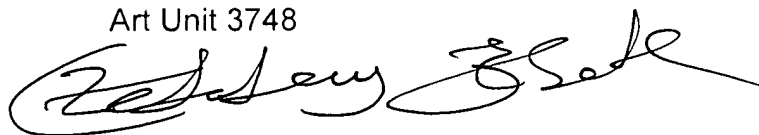
Conclusion

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